

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan witnessed a big change in its apex court as Justice Musarat Hilali took the oath, and became the second female judge in Supreme Court on Friday, Dawn reported.

two women judges. Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial administered the oath to Justice Hilali -- who had been serving as the Peshawar High Court (PHC) chief justice -- during a ceremony held at the ceremonial hall of the Supreme Court.



GLOBAL BULLETIN

Man proven not guilty after serving 13 years in jail

BERLIN: A man who spent 13 years in prison in Germany for the death of a woman was acquitted in a retrial on Friday by a court that determined the supposed murder victim had died in an accident.

Fire in a nursing home kills 6 in Italy

MILAN: A fire that broke out in a Milan nursing home early on Friday killed six of the residents and injured about 80 others, Italian firefighters said.

Tax protesters arrested in Kenya

NAIROBI: More than 20 anti-government protesters were arrested in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, on Friday as other parts of the country also witnessed demonstrations called by the opposition against newly imposed taxes.

US to destroy its last chem weapons

RICHMOND: Workers at the Blue Grass Army Depot are close to destroying rockets filled with GB nerve agent that are the last of the United States' declared chemical weapons and completing a decades-long campaign to eliminate a stockpile that by the end of the Cold War totaled more than 30,000 tons.

Yellen criticises Chinese treatment of US companies

AP / Beijing

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen criticised Chinese treatment of US companies and new export controls on metals used in semiconductors during a visit on Friday to Beijing to try to revive strained relations.



Chinese Premier Li Qiang (R) with US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen during a meeting in Beijing on Friday (AFP)

She rejected suggestions Washington is trying to decouple, or separate the US economy from China's. "The US seeks healthy economic competition with China," Yellen said, according to a transcript released by her department.

terprises and domestic firms, and barriers to market access for foreign firms," Yellen said.

US-Chinese relations are at their lowest level in decades due to disputes over technology, security, Beijing's military expansion and other irritants. On Friday, Yellen met with the outgoing governor of China's

central bank, Yi Gang, and former Vice Premier Liu He, previously her counterpart in finance talks, according to the Treasury. She was due to meet later with China's No 2 leader, Premier Li Qiang.

Treasury officials said earlier Yellen wouldn't meet with Chinese leader Xi Jinping. They said no break-

WHAT YELLEN SAID

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throughs on major disputes were expected.

The Chinese finance ministry called Yellen's visit a "concrete measure" toward carrying out an agreement by Xi and President Joe Biden during a meeting in November to improve relations.

"There will be no winners in trade wars or 'decoupling and broken chains,'" the ministry said in a statement.

Twitter threatens to sue Meta over Threads

AP / New York

Twitter has threatened legal action against Meta over its new text-based app called Threads, which has drawn tens of millions of users since launching this week as a rival to Elon Musk's social media platform.

In a letter Wednesday to Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Alex Spiro, an attorney representing Twitter, accused Meta of unlawfully using Twitter's trade secrets and other intellectual property by hiring former Twitter employees to create a "copycat" app.

Meta spokesperson Andy Stone wrote Thursday on Threads: "No one on the Threads engineering team is a former Twitter employee -



A photo illustration shows an image of Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg reflected in the opening page of Threads

that's just not a thing." In the letter, which news website Semafor first reported Thursday, Spiro said Twitter "intends to strictly enforce its intellectual property rights" and noted the company's right to seek civil remedies or a court injunction.

He said the letter marked a "formal notice" for Meta to preserve documents relevant for a potential dispute be-

tween the companies.

In a reply to a tweet about the possibility of legal action against Meta, Musk wrote: "Competition is fine, cheating is not." The Associated Press reached out to Spiro on Thursday for further information. Twitter responded to an email seeking comment with a crude automated reply, its standard response to journalists.

West clashes with Russia, Iran at UN

AP / United Nations

The United States and its Western allies clashed with Russia and Iran at the U.N. Security Council on Thursday over Tehran's advancing uranium enrichment and its reported supply of combat drones to Moscow being used to attack Ukraine.

The sharp exchanges came at the council's semi-annual meeting on implementation of its resolution endorsing the 2015 nuclear

deal between Iran and six major countries known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, which the US under then-President Donald Trump left in 2018.

At the start of the meeting, Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia accused Britain, which hold the council presidency, of seeking to hold "an openly politicized show" by inviting Ukraine to take part in the meeting when it is not part of the JCPOA. He demanded a procedural vote

on its participation.

US deputy ambassador Robert Wood countered, accusing both Iran and Russia of participating in the transfer of drones used in Ukraine without prior Security Council approval in violation of the 2015 resolution.

"This is a matter of life or death for the Ukrainian people," Wood said.

"It would be unconscionable to deny Ukraine the opportunity to speak at this meeting when it is ex-

periencing the devastating effects of Iran's violation of resolution 2231 first-hand." Britain's U.N. Ambassador Barbara Wood-

ward, who was chairing the council meeting, then called for a vote on whether Ukraine could participate.

NATO set to offer Ukraine support package

NATO leaders will agree next week to help modernise Ukraine's armed forces, create a new high-level forum for consultations and reaffirm that it will join their alliance one day, the organisation's top civilian official said on Friday. But the war-torn country will not start membership talks soon.

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YOUR DAY By Vinayak Vishwas Karandikar. Includes zodiac signs and their characteristics: Aries, Libra, Taurus, Scorpio, Gemini, Sagittarius, Cancer, Capricorn, Leo, Aquarius, Virgo, Pisces.

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